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27 December 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: Item for Discussion with Dr. Brzezinski --
Recent Disclosures

25X1 1. ☐ Action Requested: This memorandum recommends that you take up the subject of recent disclosures of sensitive intelligence information with Dr. Brzezinski when you meet with him today.

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25X1 3. ☐ I believe that when the Congress reconvenes for the second session of the 95th Congress, the President should raise with the Congressional leadership, his concern over these disclosures and suggest that the leadership of both the House and Senate take steps to restrict access to sensitive intelligence information to the four oversight committees; i.e., the Select Committees and Appropriations Committees of both bodies.

25X1 4. ☐ Part of the concept for the establishment of select committees on intelligence was the desire to concentrate Congressional oversight of intelligence activities. To this end, it was asserted that the select committees would have exclusive jurisdiction in certain areas and primary jurisdiction in others with sequential jurisdiction

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retained by certain other committees such as Armed Services, Judiciary, Foreign Relations, etc., with regard to those elements of the Intelligence Community directly under their supervision, such as the military intelligence services, DIA, NSA, the FBI and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the State Department.

5. [] Other committees have not refrained from exercising jurisdiction over intelligence matters. In fact, the recent [] issue comes within the jurisdictional prerogatives of many committees or subcommittees. As a result, we have briefed the [] subcommittees of the Interior, Commerce and Armed Services Committees in the House and the Energy Subcommittee of the Governmental Affairs Committee in the Senate. At the request of the Commerce Subcommittee we have also briefed representatives of the GAO, who are working with that group on this issue, []

[] It can and should be argued that intelligence information related to topics such as this which are within the jurisdiction of other committees, should be made available to them through the Select Committees on Intelligence, and by incorporating the protective provisions of the charters of these Committees regarding the disclosure of information provided to them.

6. [] Recommendation: It is recommended that as a first step to later discussion with the President you mention this matter to Dr. Brzezinski for his information and, hopefully, his support.

George L. Cary

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/s/ Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence

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The attached memo suggests that you discuss with Dr. Brzezinski today your concern about recent leaks of sensitive intelligence information by the Congress and recommends that the President take the matter up with the Congressional leadership when they return next month. It suggests that the leadership reenforce the jurisdiction of the two Select Committees on Intelligence.

A copy of the memo may be left with Dr. Brzezinski if you wish.



George L. Carter

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